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FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3438

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

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AMEMBASSY PARIS

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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 2708

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, LA, VS

SUBJECT: LAO-SOUTH VIETNAMESE RELATIONS

REF: VIENTIANE 2663

1. SECRETARY GENERAL OF MFA, NAKKHALA SOUVANNAVONG, PRIVATELY CONFIRMED WHAT SVN AMBASSADOR THUY HAD TOLD ME THIS WEEKEND: NAKKHALA HAD ON APRIL 18 INFORMED THUY THAT PGNU WAS CLOSING ITS EMBASSY IN SAIGON AND RECALLING ITS STAFF, BUT HE DID NOT RPT NOT ASK THAT GVN CLOSE ITS EMBASSY IN VIENTIANE AND WITHDRAW ITS PERSONNEL. NAKKHALA EXPLAINED CONFIDENTIALLY THAT IN SUCH CASES "IT WOULD BE NORMAL DIPLOMATIC PRACTICE" FOR GVN TO DO THE SAME. THUS, GVN EMBASSY IN VIENTIANE IS STILL OPEN, DOING BUSINESS AND WITH FLAG FLYING.

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH NAKKHALA APPARENTLY DID NOT CARRY OUT HIS INSTRUCTIONS (REFTEL) IN FULL, WE EXPECT IT WILL MAKE LITTLE DIFFERENCE IN THE END. EVENTS IN  
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VIETNAM HAVE BEEN MOVING WITH SUCH RAPIDITY EVEN BEFORE

PRESIDENT THIEU'S RESIGNATION THAT ALL OUR LAO CONTACTS  
AND THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS HAVE COME TO ACCEPT PROSPECT  
OF A COMMUNIST VICTORY IN SOUTH VIETNAM. AS REPORTED  
SEPTEL, EVEN AMBASSADOR THUY AND SOME MEMBERS OF HIS  
STAFF NOW CONCEDE THIS POSSIBILITY, AT LEAST IN PRIVATE.  
EVENTS WILL TAKE CARE OF STATUS OF GVN'S EMBASSY HERE.  
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